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This is a Response to a Final Rejection mailed March 15, 2005, in the aboveidentified application.

Claims 16-28 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Sennewald (GB 1,266,623) and Sennewald (GB 1,266,624) optionally in view of Calcagano (US 3,714,237).

This Response provides specific arguments for patentability of the pending claims in reply to the stated basis contained in the Final Rejection.

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